

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 583

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Tennessee Technological University Women's Basketball Head Coach Bill Worrell upon attaining his 400<sup>th</sup> win.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those coaches who have performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and, through their magnificent accomplishments, have brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, in his twentieth year at the helm of the Tennessee Technological University (TTU) Women's Basketball program, Bill Worrell is one such estimable coach who has distinguished himself as one of the premier coaches in collegiate basketball history; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2006, Coach Bill Worrell claimed his 400<sup>th</sup> coaching victory when the TTU Golden Eaglettes defeated the University of Tennessee–Martin by the score of 48-41; and

WHEREAS, Coach Worrell has led the Golden Eaglettes to eleven Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Regular Season Titles, eight OVC Tournament Titles, and eight NCAA Tournament appearances; and

WHEREAS, a terrific recruiter and teacher, Bill Worrell has coached eighteen All-American Players, six Kodak All-District Players, two Academic All-Americans, four Academic All-District Players, five OVC Players of the Year, and seven TTU Sports Hall of Famers; and

WHEREAS, Bill Worrell has been named the OVC Coach of the Year on four separate occasions, serving as a testament to his talent and abilities, and with 400 victories, he is the all-time winningest coach in TTU sports history; and

WHEREAS, before assuming the head coaching position at TTU in April of 1986, Coach Worrell served as the Assistant Coach for the Golden Eaglettes for five years; and

WHEREAS, a basketball player for TTU from 1964 to 1967, Bill Worrell played under Coach Kenny Sidwell and worked as a graduate assistant for the TTU men's basketball team for two years; and

WHEREAS, Coach Worrell is a mentor and friend who motivates his players to believe in themselves and their teammates every time they step onto the basketball court; and

WHEREAS, Bill Worrell epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is especially proud to pause in its deliberations to recognize this esteemed Tennessean for his extraordinary accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Head Coach Bill Worrell upon winning his 400<sup>th</sup> career game as a collegiate basketball coach and extend our heartfelt wishes for his every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.